

# What Have I Done?

Educational Goal	To introduce students to the ripple effect that most decisions create.
Behavioral Objectives	<p>Students will answer the question: "What decisions have I made today?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individually</li> <li>• Together as a class</li> </ul> <p>Decide which decisions affected more than themselves</p> <p>Complete a journal entry about a significant decision they have made</p>
Prerequisites	none
Vocabulary	none
Time	45 min.
Materials	Paper, pencils/pen, journal
Intro./Anticipatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students take one sheet of notebook paper and fold it in half lengthwise, forming two columns.</li> <li>• At the top of the paper students write "Only Me" and "Not Just Me"</li> <li>• Independently students answer the question, "What decisions have I made today?" under the correct column on the paper. (Examples: what to wear, brush my teeth, what to have for breakfast, did I eat the last of _____, come to school, pick on someone, etc.)</li> </ul>
Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teacher makes the same columns on the board.</li> <li>• Students share their answers and tell why they chose the column.</li> <li>• Discuss the answers that are in the "Not Just Me" column. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How many people it affected</li> <li>○ Did it hurt/upset someone?</li> <li>○ Did it make someone happy?</li> <li>○ Was that your only option?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Students answer the question: "Has anyone made a decision today that affected you?"</li> </ul>
Closure	<p><b>Journal Writing Activity</b></p> <p>Write at least 5 sentences on <u>one</u> of the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One decision I wish I could take back</li> <li>• One decision I am very proud of</li> </ul>